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ADVISER'S PROGRAM

1. IN CONSULTATION RE CND AGENDA ON DECEMBER 13 WITH JASJIT SINGH (CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL BOARD OF EXCISE AND CUSTOMS), WELLMAN RAISED SUBJECT OF DRUG ADVISER'S PROGRAM UNDER COLOMBO PLAN, REPORTED CONCLUSIONS OF 23RD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND EXPLAINED U.S. RATIONALE FOR SUPPORT OF PROGRAM. SINGH'S STATEMENT OF INDIAN VIEWS DEMONSTRATED INDIAN NARCOTICS CONTROL AUTHORITIES FULLY SUBSCRIBE TO POSITION INTIMATED BY INDIAN DELEGATION AT WELLINGTON MEETING.

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2. IN INDIAN VIEW, COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ADVISER COULD ONLY

BE JUSTIFIED AS STOPGAP UNTIL PROPOSED UNFDAC REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FAR EAST HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AND WAS IN PLACE. THEREAFTER, INDIANS BELIEVE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU WOULD DUPLICATE UN REPRESENTATIVE'S FUNCTIONS, AND THEY ARE CONFIRMED IN THIS VIEW BY TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR UN REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE WHICH THEY HAVE SEEN AND WHICH THEY SAID UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS HAS ALSO SENT TO COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU. INDIANS DECLARED IT WOULD BE BURDENSOME ESPECIALLY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE SAME INFORMATION TO TWO REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WITH SIMILAR FUNCTIONS. THEY DO NOT THINK THERE IS ROOM FOR BOTH.

3. WELLMAN APPEALED TO INDIANS TO KEEP OPEN MIND ON COLOMBO PLAN PROGRAM AND POSSIBILITY IT MIGHT PROMOTE NATIONAL ACTION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN UNIQUE FRAMEWORK OF COLOMBO PLAN AND THUS COMPLEMENT NOT DUPLICATE UN AND OTHER PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD. INDIANS SAID PIO ABARRO WOULD BE WELCOME IN INDIA AND THEY WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK WITH HIM, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THEY HAD MADE UP THEIR MINDS.

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